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More than 400 workers and employees of the Gorlovka Machine-Building Plant imeni Kirov entered a DOSARM unit 6 months ago. They expected to engage in sports and acquire a military specialty in the new organization, but so far these plans have failed to materialize. The work of the new organization has been haphazard and unsystematic, and has amounted to only a few talks on the tasks of DOSARM and some shooting matches in which only a few of the unit's members participated.

The reason for the stagnation is that the organization, headed by Lieutenant Britanov, Reserve, did not know how to begin the work nor how to teach military science. Not once did Britanov appeal to Bogelyus, chairman of the Gorlovka City DOSARM Orgburo, for aid, nor was he able to make any recommendations to improve the plant organization's work. His excuse was that he was waiting for orders from above. In effect, however, a program of action had been worked out for DOSARM primary organizations.

The All-Union DOSARM Orgburo issued a decree on "the Organization of Mass Instruction, Military and Sport Activities, and Propagation of Military and Technical Knowledge in DOSARM Primary Organizations," which clearly defines the tasks of the society's lower units. It recommends the establishment of groups to study weapon parts, antiaircraft and chemical defense, radio, USSR Armed Forces Regulations, topography, automobiles, and telephone and telegraph, as well as Voroshilov sniper groups, and dog service groups. The decree also recommends such mass military activities as tactical studies, marching, military-sport contests, competitions, etc.

The Stalino Oblast DOSARM Orgburo received this decree before the end of last year, but rather than reproduce and disseminate it to local organizations, Tsatsenkin, chairman of the Oblast Orgburo, decided to wait for more copies to be sent from Moscow. This Orgburo always sends out orders in such numbers as are received from the Ukrainian SSR Orgburo; if five copies of an order for a shooting match are received by the oblast, they will be sent out to five rayons. There are many other examples of the Oblast Orgburo's failure to disseminate properly Republic orders.

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The entire operation of the Stalino Oblast Orgburo has been slipshod, with control and checking completely lacking. Tsatzenkin and Churilov, a military sports instructor, are goldbricks. Tsatzenkin rarely shows up for a whole day's work, and there is no one to help rayon DOSARM chairmen who come with problems.

Only four city and rayon DOSARM organization leaders were able, on their own initiative, to obtain copies of the All-Union Orgburo decree and to implement it. Among these was Romanovskiy, chairman of the Stalino City DOSARM Orgburo, who distributed copies to the chairman of the larger DOSARM organizations in the city, with instructions to reproduce the document and distribute a copy to each shop organization.

The DOSARM primary organization in Mine imeni Kaganovich was one of the first to receive the decree. Within 3 days, groups had been formed to study rifle, automatic rifle, and hand and machine pistol parts, antiaircraft and chemical defense, telephone and telegraph operation, and three permanent shooting teams had been formed. On their next day off, 60 DOSARM members, headed by Demin, chairman of the committee, went on tactical skiing maneuvers. Lieutenant Safonov, Reserve, coaches the permanent shooting teams. When the unit was created at the mine, it was estimated that 82 members of the society wanted to study the rifle, 32 the automatic rifle, and 29 the machine gun.

DOSARM primary organizations at Plant imeni Khrushchev, Mine No 19, Mine imeni Kalinin, and many other Stalino (city) enterprises are operating as successfully.

A large number of DOSARM members, however, through the negligence of the Stalino Oblast Orgburo, have not as yet become acquainted with the All-Union Orgburo decree. So far, it is unknown in Gorlovka and Makeyevka, and in Amvrosiyevskiy, Avdeyevskiy, Khartsyzskiy, and other rayons of Stalino Oblast. Most of the DOSARM organizations in these places exist only on paper and have carried on almost no practical work.

Among these is the DOSARM organization of the Gorlovka Machine-Building Plant imeni Kirov. The chairman of the Gorlovka City Orgburo has many times asked the Oblast Orgburo for concrete instructions on the operation of lower organizations, but all his requests remained unanswered, and the work of the primary organization at the plant is slipping constantly.

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